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Use of a soluble form of a receptor for a growth factor in the manufacture of a medicament for enhancing the intracerebral, extracerebral, intraparenchymal, intracerebraventricular or intrathecal delivery of said growth factor by coadministration of said growth factor with said soluble form of the growth factor receptor.

- Use according to claim 1 wherein the growth factor is a neurotrophin.
- 3. Use according to claim 1 wherein the growth factor is Nerve Growth Factor (NGF), Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF), Neurotrophin 3 (NT-3), Neurotrophin- 4/5 (NT-4/5), Ciliary Neurotrophic Factor (CNTF) or Glial-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (GDNF).

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Use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein said soluble receptor is in the form of a receptorbody.

5. Use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein said growth factor is BDNF or NT-3 and the soluble receptor is the extracellular domain of TrkB or TrkC.

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- Use according to claim 5 wherein said growth factor is BDNF and the soluble receptor is a TrkBIgG receptorbody.
- 7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a growth factor; a soluble form of a receptor for said growth factor; and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.
- 8. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7 wherein the growth factor is a neurotrophin.
- 9. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7 wherein the growth factor is Nerve Growth Factor (NGF), Brain-

Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF), Neurotrophin-3 (NT-3), Neurotrophin-4/5 (NT-4/5), Ciliary Neurotrophic Factor (CNTF) or Glial-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (GDNF).

- A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 7 to 9 wherein said soluble receptor is in the form of a receptorbody.
 - 11. A pharmaceutical composition according to any one of claims 7 to 10 said growth factor is BDNF or NT-3 and the soluble receptor is the extracellular domain of TrkB or TrkC.
- 12. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 11 wherein said growth factor is BDNF and the soluble receptor is a TrkBIgG receptorbody.
 - 13. A method for enhancing the intracerebral, extracerebral, intraparenchymal, intracerebraventricular or intrathecal delivery of a growth factor by coadministration of said growth factor with said soluble form of the growth factor receptor.
 - 14. A method according to claim 13 wherein the growth factor is a neurotrophin.
 - 15. A method according to claim 13 wherein the growth factor is Nerve Growth Factor (NGF), Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (BDNF), Neurotrophin-3 (NT-3), Neurotrophin-4/5 (NT-4/5), Ciliary Neurotrophic Factor (CNTF) or Glial-Derived Neurotrophic Factor (GDNF).
- 16. A method according to any one of claims 13 to 15 wherein said soluble receptor is in the form of a receptorbody.
 - 17. A method according to claim \13 to 16 said growth factor

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is BDNF or NT-3 and the soluble receptor is the extracellular domain of TrkB or TrkC.

- 18. A method according to claim 17 wherein said growth factor is BDNF and the soluble receptor is a TrkBIgG receptorbody.
 - 19. Use according to claim \ substantially as hereinbefore described.
 - 20. A pharmaceutical composition (according to claim 7 substantially as hereinbefore described.
 - 21. A method according to claim \(\)\ 13 substantially as hereinbefore described.